

PILLARS OF A GOOD PROGRAM

- 1. A well understood requirement with flow down to performance spec and temp**
- 2. A genuine integrated schedule with associated Earned Value Management**
- 3. An independent cost estimate**
(one that isn't part of the missionary movement where folks are trying to sell a program and to force fit it within available funds)
- 4. Genuinely sufficient and stable funding**
- 5. A culture of drawing in outside competency**
(from the contractor, from the syscom, from academia. . .)
- 6. A willingness to ask the hard questions and the courage and energy to not quit until you gain understanding**

Program success is made difficult by missing any one of these:
7. A recognition that it takes requirements, resources, and acquisition, all working together, to get the dog